



# Local HTA – Is there a need?

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## What is HTA?

- HTA is a scientific method used to support a decision by offering a systematic structured analysis of the best available scientific evidence.
- The multidisciplinary assessment includes medical, economic, social, ethical and legal topics.

## Other HTA products?

No definition up to now

- neither on the content
- nor on methodological approach

from any kind of organisation

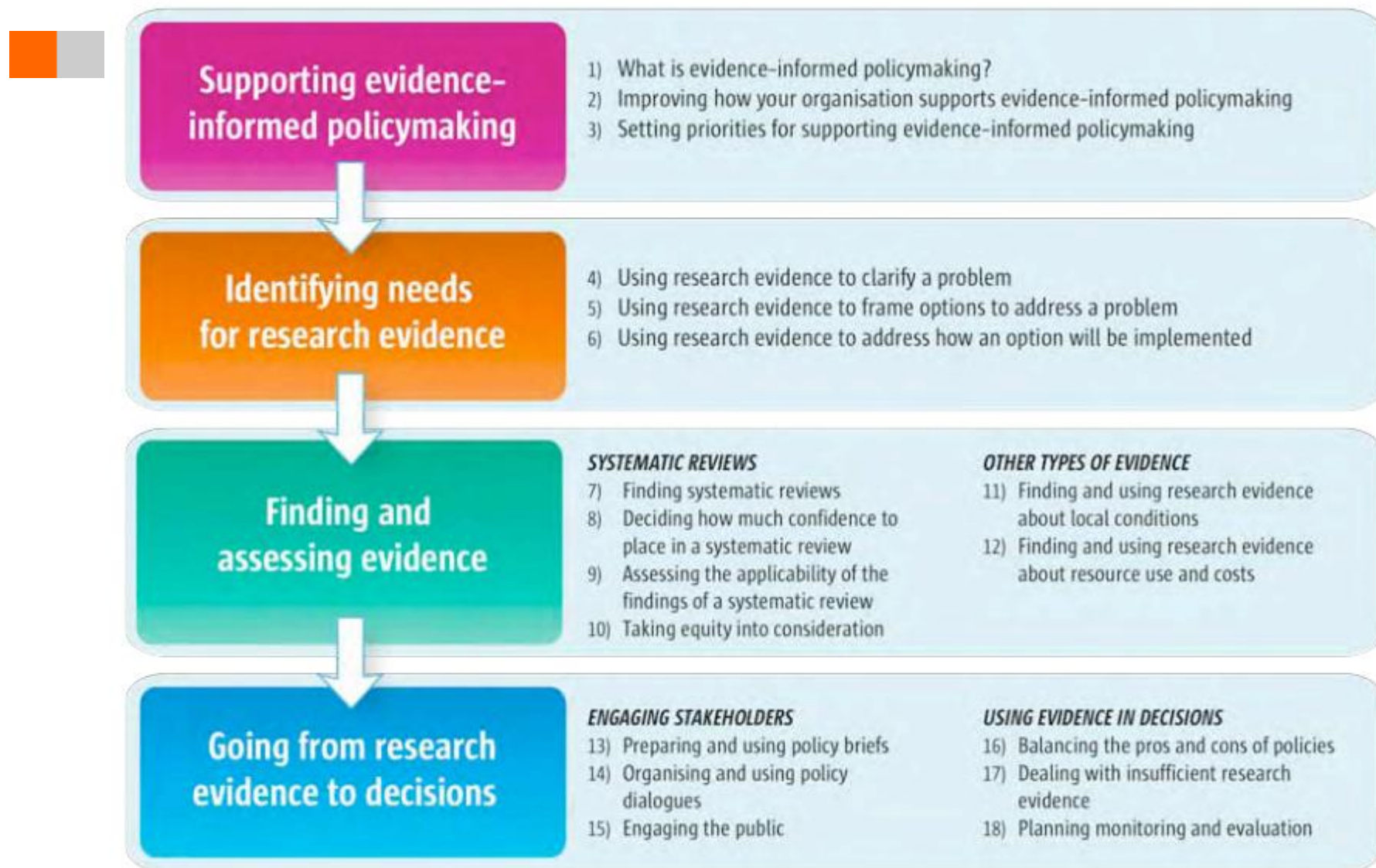
## Requirements of HTA products

**systematic, transparent, unbiased, robust**

- Assessment based on scientific methods and studies
- Assessment based on a systematic review of the evidence

- **The HTA concept: an analytical framework**

An analytical framework describes the conceptual system of definitions and classifications of the related data.



## HTA wants:

- To help within a given decision making process
- To clarify the problem
- to support the decision by offering
  - transparent
  - structured
  - scientific evaluated information

## HTA is therefore offering

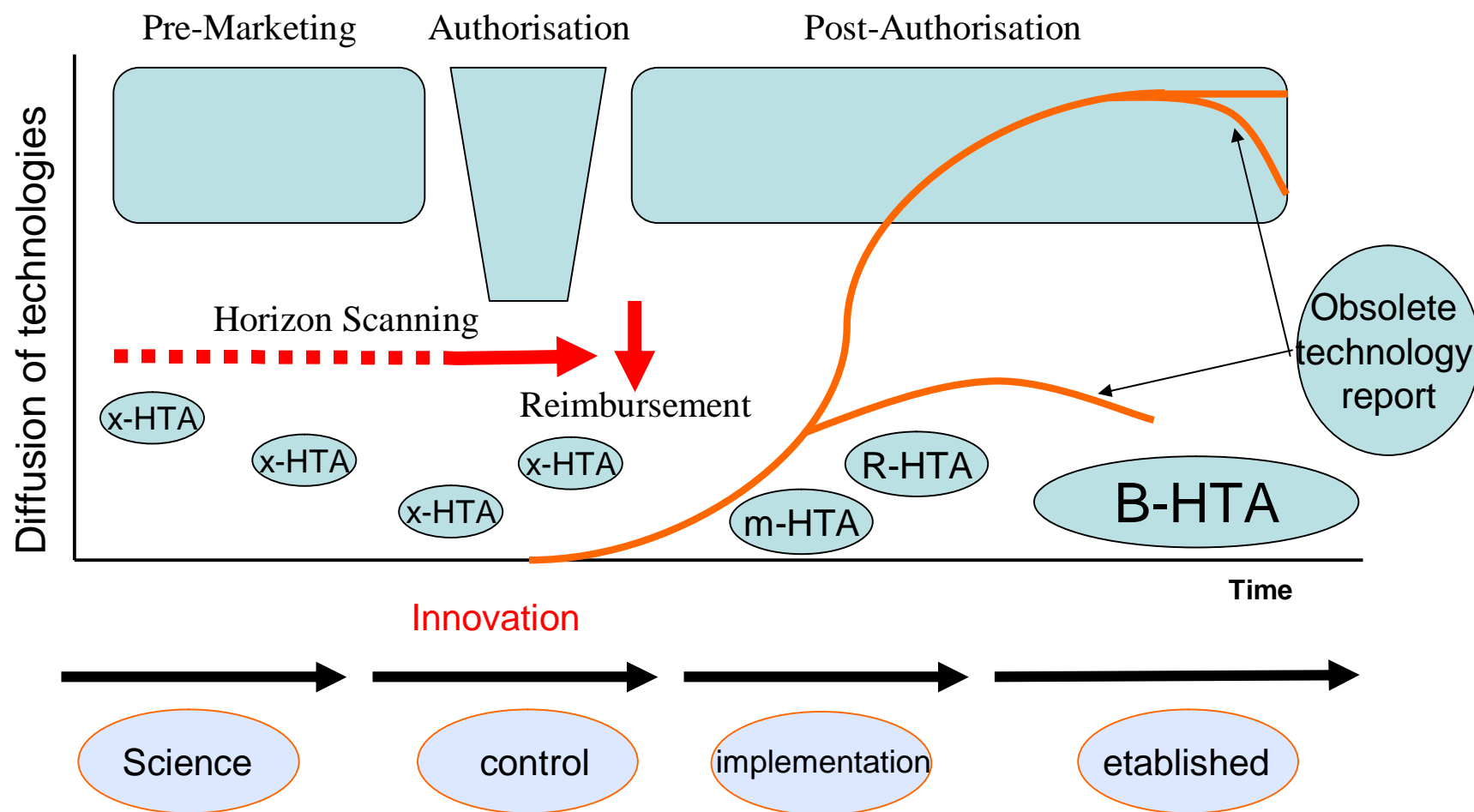
Help during the:

- Identification and clarification of problems (problem identification)
- Solving problems e.g. offering information related to the technology and alternative techniques (problem solving)
- Giving scientific backup in relation to decisions (investment, strategy, etc.) (supporting decisions)

## Framework methodology

- The differences in
  - time of decision during product development and implementation,
  - level of decision within a health care system and
  - existing frame of resourcesare requesting a **methodological framework** and the options to choose of the needed
  - data source
  - methodological tools
  - evidence based approachto support the decision process

# The time to do a HTA



## Local vs. National decision makers

### National:

- Very often have a similar scientific and / or professional background
- Speak a similar professional language regarding laws and other rules
- Are a representative of a group of people/institutions (bounded in their opinion)

### Local:

- Totally different background scientifically as well as professional
- Extremely different professional language
- Are as well from inside of the same institution (having different kind of tasks) having their own opinion

## Local needs (e.g.):

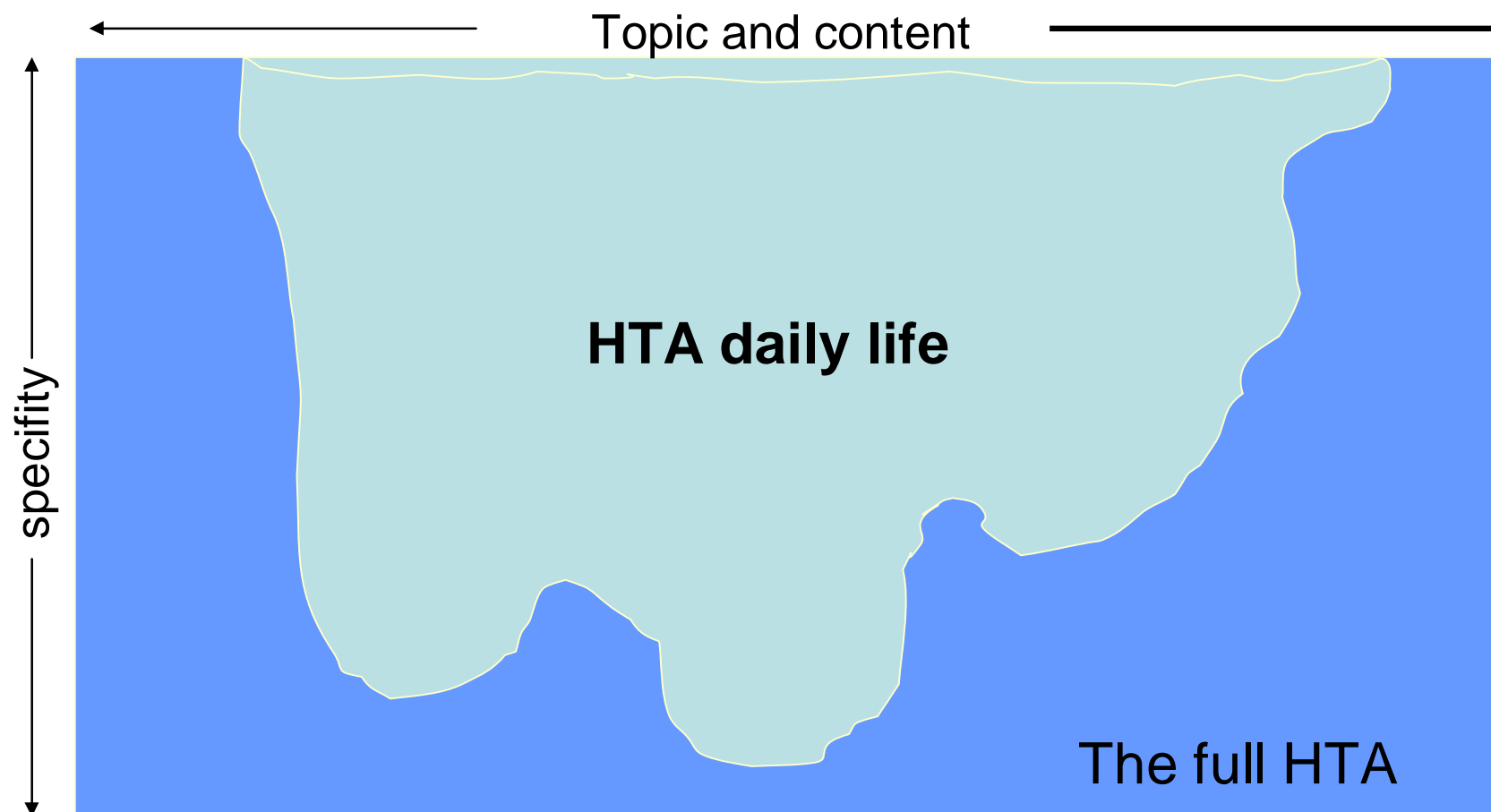
- Scientific support to clarify
  - the need and
  - the common understanding of a technology
- Political and social background to see
  - the pitfalls of the technology and
  - to be aware whom to address to get the support in case of implementation decision

## Connecting users and doers

- Better understanding of the political / decision **question**
- Giving answer in a more **understandable** way and by underlying the level of **trust** within a given answer
- Develop new ways of collecting **basic elements of evidence** shared in a specific community of scientist
- Develop methods for **fast** support
- Developing new scientific based communication strategies to support

*„scientific lobbying“  
in local settings*

## HTA – specificity and broadness



## Local needs II:

After our own experience we have the opinion, that there is

- The need to describe the problem in a better way
- To offer a „non-eminenz“ way of scientific advise
- To moderate between the different professions and there aims

à Therefore there is a place and the need of a local HTA approach if this is pragmatic and helpful in daily life.